ENG 4E Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Effect of Word Choice**

Read the following words and consider both the connotation and denotation of the words. Sort the words into the follow categories depending on what you feel will be the effect of the language on a reader.

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| # | **Word Selection** | **Negative** | **Positive** | **Neutral** |
| 1. | Corpulent, plump, obese, heavy-set, fleshy, fat, paunchy, burly, over-weight, roly-poly, bulky, portly, weighty, and pudgy. |  |  |  |
| 2. | Mansion, abode, dwelling, domicile, residence, house, pad, and dump. |  |  |  |
| 3. | Snooty, arrogant, conceited, cocky, vain, self-satisfied, egotistical, proud, high-and –mighty, overbearing, high-hat, and supercilious. |  |  |  |
| 4. | Titter, giggle, chuckle, laugh, guffaw, roar, snicker, snigger, and cackle. |  |  |  |
| 5. | Saving, tight, miserly, frugal, economical, careful, thrifty, penny-pinching, budget-minded, mean, and penurious. |  |  |  |
| 6. | Shrewd, calculation, clever, sly, adroit, knowing, astute, cunning, skilful and smooth. |  |  |  |
| 7. | Glum, sullen, withdrawn, reticent, silent, pithy, compressed, brief, and boiled-down. |  |  |  |
| 8. | Steal, purloin, embezzle, filch, pilfer, burglarize, rob, hold up, snatch, grab, help oneself to, and appropriate. |  |  |  |

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